

# Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## August 2018 Newsletter

### Steps You Can Take Now to Prepare to Assist with Future Disaster Recovery Efforts

The 2018 hurricane season officially began on June 1, 2018 and will run through November 30, 2018. Given the significant and lasting effects of Hurricane Harvey and other natural disasters that have befallen Texas during the preceding year, the Board would like to take this opportunity to provide its licensees with some brief information on how to be prepared to assist with recovery efforts prior to the next natural disaster.

First and foremost, licensees wishing to volunteer for any future recovery efforts should identify an organization directly involved with recovery efforts, or one which can direct you to such an organization. The following organizations are some examples of these types of organizations. It is also recommended that licensees contact an organization prior to the onset of a disaster and inquire about any training required before he or she will be permitted to assist with recovery efforts.

1. [Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry](#)<sup>1</sup>
2. [The American Red Cross](#)
3. [Texas Psychological Association](#)
4. [Texas Association of School Psychologists](#)
5. [Texas Association of Psychological Associates](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Official state disaster volunteer registry for medical, public health, and lay volunteer responders.

The Board would also encourage all of its licensees to explore registering with the [Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry](#), the [Medical Reserve Corps](#), or the [Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals](#). Advance registration and preparation will not only reduce the administrative burden of verifying volunteers' identity and credentials during a disaster, but more importantly, it will help ensure your professional skills are brought to bear on those affected by the disaster as quickly as possible.

Lastly, you are encouraged to share this newsletter with any out-of-state psychologist, psychological associate, or specialist in school psychology that may wish to help with future recovery efforts in Texas. Separate and apart from the Board's emergency limited temporary license, an out-of-state psychologist, psychological associate, or specialists in school psychology may practice in Texas for the purpose of rendering aid, provided the individual holds a current license or certification in good standing<sup>2</sup> in his or her home state. See Section [418.171](#) of the Government Code.

Therefore, any out-of-state psychologist, psychological associate, or specialists in school psychology with a license or certification in good standing is not required to hold a Texas license in order to practice psychology as part of a disaster relief effort in any of those counties identified in the

<sup>2</sup> *Good standing means there is not current disciplinary action on your state psychology license(s).*

Governor's disaster declaration. It should be noted however, that this limited authority to practice during a declared disaster terminates upon the lifting or expiration of the Governor's disaster declaration.

The Board does ask that any out-of-state psychologist, psychological associate, or specialists in school psychology planning to practice under this exception notify the Board prior to delivering services. When notifying the Board, please include your name, home state, licensure type and number, and the location where services will be provided. Please send notifications by email to [Deputy.ED@tsbep.texas.gov](mailto:Deputy.ED@tsbep.texas.gov).

**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS RATIFIED AT THE  
AUGUST 16, 2018 BOARD MEETING**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>NATURE/INFRACTION</b>	<b>DISCIPLINARY ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Judith Thelma Decutler, M.A.	Keller	The licensee conducted the practice of psychology for approximately six months with a delinquent license.	Reprimand.	08/16/18
Gary Alan Grossman, Ph.D.	Plano	The licensee engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient.	Resigned in lieu of adjudication.	08/16/18
Kaden Jackson Stanley, Psy.D.	Houston	The licensee included other persons in a patient's therapy session without first obtaining written informed consent. Additionally, the licensee made comments during the therapy session that the patient found unwelcomed, inappropriate, and offensive.	Probated suspension, practice monitoring, psychological evaluation, administrative penalty, and professional development.	08/16/18